

RNW Action Fund Board of Directors

Recruitment Announcement

May 2025

In December 2024, the Renewable Northwest Board of Directors approved the formation of an affiliated 501(c)(4) organization to enhance advocacy efforts across the region.

Established in early 2025, the RNW Action Fund is a 501(c)(4) organization dedicated to expanding legislative advocacy in Oregon, Washington, Montana, Idaho, and on federal issues that impact the Pacific Northwest. The RNW Action Fund will promote and support policy solutions that accelerate the deployment of renewable energy and energy storage throughout the region.

The RNW Action Fund's Mission:

To build support for accelerating the transition to renewable electricity.

The RNW Action Fund Board of Directors (the Board) is currently seeking 2-4 members to serve on the Board for a 3-year term, joining the following existing board members:

- Nora Apter, Chair, Climate Solutions
- Damien Hall, Vice Chair, Ball Janik LLP
- Tim Miller, Treasurer, Oregon Business for Climate

Please find the position description and application information below.

General responsibilities of the RNW Action Fund Board:

- **Strategic direction:** Provide vision and guidance to hone, advance, and periodically update RNW Action Fund's mission and purpose. Participate in strategic planning efforts and track implementation of the plan's goals and objectives.
- **Executive Director:** Ensure that the Executive Director has the personnel and professional support that they need to further RNW Action Fund's goals and grow its impact.
- **Financial management:** Assist in providing financial oversight. Approve the annual budget. Ensure that proper financial controls are in place.
- **Fundraising and constituency development:** Participate in fundraising efforts to help secure adequate resources for the organization to fulfill its mission and work to strengthen RNW Action Fund's constituency.
- **Ambassadorship:** Represent and promote the organization to decision-makers, stakeholders, donors, and potential partners.
- **Legal and ethical integrity:** Ensure legal and ethical integrity and maintain accountability of the organization to its members and the broader community.
- **Board development:** Periodically assess Board skills, needs, and performance. Help recruit and orient new Board members.

- **Programs:** Evaluate effectiveness of RNW Action Fund programs in meeting the organization's mission, and contribute ideas and support for these programs.

Expectations of individual RNW Action Fund Board members:

- Regularly attend Board meetings.
- Actively participate in at least one Board committee. Committees include: Governance, Finance, Development/Planning. As needed, volunteer for at least one special project, task force, or fundraising event.
- Prepare for, and actively participate in decision-making during Board and committee meetings.
- Assist with promotion of events and fundraising events.
- Serve as a spokesperson for the RNW Action Fund mission and programs.
- Support RNW Action Fund's financial well-being by investing time and talent in fundraising, such as major donor relationship building, grant prospecting, fundraising events, conference sponsorships or individual fundraising efforts.
- Perform a self-evaluation at the end of each 3-year term.

Desired Qualifications and Skills:

- **Fundraising Experience:** Understanding of how to build and support 501(c)(4) organizations, including fundraising and compliance.
- **Legislative Experience:** Strong understanding of the political landscapes in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, and/or at the federal level.
- **Clean Energy Advocacy/Public Policy:** Familiarity with policy advocacy campaigns, lobbying, or legislative advocacy, especially related to energy policy.
- **Clean Energy Policy Knowledge/Experience:** Background in clean energy, climate, utility regulation, or grid decarbonization.
- **Nonprofit Governance:** Understanding or experience with nonprofit or 501(c)(4) board responsibilities and effective governance practices.
- **Political Acumen:** Ability to assess political opportunities and risks, and advise on strategy accordingly.

Time Commitment:

- **Board Meeting Participation:** Once per quarter, approximately 2 - 3 hours in length.
- **Committee Participation:** Time commitment will vary based on the committee.

To Apply:

Please send a Letter of Interest and Resume to:

- Pam Mahon, Deputy Administrative Director (RNW) / pam@renewablenw.org

If you have questions, please contact:

- Nora Apter, Chair / nora.apter@climatesolutions.org
- Nicole Hughes, Executive Director / nicole@renewablenw.org

RNW Action Fund recognizes that travel expenses for board meetings and events may be a barrier and will provide scholarships and travel stipends as requested.